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SOVIET RUN-DOWN ON ~~THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY~~

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When the newspapers carry stories about the mysterious murder of some progressive national figure who played a part in the liberation struggle, or the flights of American U-2 spy planes over foreign territory, or attacks made against ships bound for Cuba, there is no question of what is happening: behind all of these evil doings are the agents of the United States Central Intelligence Agency. In his book The Art of Espionage, Allen Dulles writes that the CIA "maintains listening posts in every part of the world. The arena of our battle is the globe itself."

The Central Intelligence Agency was created on 18 September 1947, when the then President Harry Truman signed the National Security Law. At first glance it would appear that the CIA's functions were limited to organizing and coordinating the work of the other spy agencies in their collection of intelligence data, and to summarizing that information for the President. But after a few years even Harry Truman was forced to acknowledge that "...the President's intelligence organ has gone far beyond the role originally assigned it, and has now become the symbol of ominous, adventurous intrigues abroad."

The role of the CIA in the imperialist policy of the United States has since greatly increased. The well-known American journalists, D. Wise and T. Ross, scarcely exaggerated when they wrote in The Invisible Government (New York, 1964) that "There are two governments in the United States today. One is visible. The other is invisible. The first is the government that citizens read about in their newspapers and children read about in their civics books. The second is the interlocking, hidden machinery that carries out the policies of the United States in the Cold War."